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SUBJECT: UNESCO 98TH SESSION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD :--
ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP IN EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP

1. EIGHTEENTH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO (NOVEMBER 1974)
TOOK ACTIONS THAT RESULTED IN LEAVING ISRAEL THE ONLY
UNESCO MEMBER NOT ASSIGNED TO A REGIONAL GROUP, ALTHOUGH
ISRAEL HAS SOUGHT INCLUSION IN EUROPEAN REGION. THIS WAS
ONE OF THE CONFERENCE ACTIONS THAT TRIGGERED CONGRESSIONAL
RESTRICTION ON FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF OUR UNESCO
CONTRIBUTION.

2. DEPT IS CONSIDERING INITIATING ACTION AT 98TH EXECU-
TIVE BOARD (PARIS, SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 10) INTENDED TO
LEAD TO INCLUSION OF ISRAEL IN EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP BY
19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE (NOVEMBER 1976). WHILE EXECUTIVE
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BOARD ACTION IN THIS MATTER WOULD NOT BE BINDING ON
GENERAL CONFERENCE, IT COULD HAVE POSITIVE INFLUENCE. OUR
FIRST STEP IN THIS ACTION IS TO GET ADVICE OF HECTOR
WYNTER, EXECUTIVE BOARD CHAIRMAN, ON PROCEDURAL ASPECTS,

TACTICS AND SUBSTANCE OF OUR INITIATIVE. WE CONSIDER WYNTER'S COOPERATION TO BE INDISPENSABLE FOR SUCCESS OF THIS EFFORT.

3. AMBASSADOR SHOULD, THEREFORE, CALL ON WYNTER AND INDICATE THAT IN CONTINUATION OF TALKS BEGUN WITH WYNTER IN WASHINGTON, USG WISHES AS FIRST STEP CONSULT WITH HIM ON WHERE WE MIGHT GO NEXT RE UNESCO. WE ARE ANXIOUS TO GET HIS GENERAL COUNSEL. SPECIFICALLY, USG WANTS HIS VIEWS ON ADVISABILITY OF INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION ON REGIONAL ORGANIZATION ACTIVITY TO AGENDA OF 98TH EXECUTIVE BOARD. ITEM COULD BE PUT ON UNDER HEADING: "METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION: MEMBERSHIP OF REGIONAL ACTIVITY GROUPS." THIS COULD BE PUBLICLY JUSTIFIED AS CARRYING OUT INSTRUCTIONS OF THE 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION WHICH STATES THAT IT IS "RIGHT AND DUTY" OF EVERY MEMBER STATE TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN UNESCO REGIONAL ACTIVITIES. RESOLUTION FURTHER TAKES DECISION TO EXAMINE AT 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE "OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS" OF MEMBER STATES NOT YET PLACED IN REGIONAL GROUPS.

4. UNDER ITEM OF THIS TYPE, WE (OR ANOTHER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER) COULD INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION ALONG FOLLOWING LINE:

"RECALLING THAT RES. 46.1 ADOPTED BY THE 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE RECOGNIZED THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE WHEREBY EVERY MEMBER STATE HAS THE RIGHT AND DUTY TO PARTICIPATE FULLY AND REGULARLY IN THE ORGANIZATION'S REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES, SHARING THE BELIEF OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD THAT A GOAL OF THE ORGANIZATION IS THE EQUALITY OF PARTICIPATION OF MEMBER STATES, ENDORSING THE STATEMENTS MADE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL CONCERNING THE NEED FOR UNIVERSALITY, MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND CONSENSUS, DESIROUS OF HELPING TO INSURE THAT ALL MEMBERS ARE ABLE TO EXERCISE THE RIGHT AND PERFORM THE DUTY OF PARTICIPATING IN THE ORGANIZATION'S
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REGIONAL ACTIVITIES, RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE THAT AT ITS 19TH SESSION IT TAKES STEPS TO INSURE THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION ARE EMPOWERED TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN REGIONAL ACTIVITIES IN WHICH THE REPRESENTATIVE CHARACTER OF STATES IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR."

5. WE WOULD PLAN TO GO TO CAPITALS OF SOME OR ALL OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS TO SEEK THEIR SUPPORT PRIOR TO CONVENING OF 98TH SESSION.

6. ANXIOUS TO GET WYNTER'S VIEWS IN DETAIL ON CONTENT OF BOTH AGENDA ITEM AND RESOLUTION, ANY GENERAL TACTICAL ADVICE HE MAY HAVE, AS WELL AS ANY THOUGHTS HE MAY HAVE

ON PRE-EXECUTIVE BOARD CONSULTATIONS. YOU SHOULD ASSURE
WYNTER THAT WE WILL RESPECT CONFIDENCE OF HIS VIEWS. WE
CONTINUE BELIEVE IT VERY DESIRABLE TO HAVE SOME POSITIVE

EXECUTIVE BOARD ACCOMPLISHMENT TO CITE TO CONGRESS AS
BASIS FOR CONGRESSIONAL RESTORATION OF FUNDS TO UNESCO.
PLEASE SEND US WYNTER'S VIEWS ASAP, REPEATING MESSAGE TO
PARIS FOR USDEL. KISSINGER

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